

Claims

What is claimed is:

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1. A browser equipped telephone capable of displaying a web page by a browser comprising:
- 5 an inputter which inputs a URL of a web page;
- a transmitter which transmits the URL inputted by said inputter in a form that can be distinguished from a voice message;
- receiver which receives a URL and associated voice message from the outside;
- 10 an answerer which records and reproduces the URL and associated voice message received by said receiver; and
- a decoder which converts into a character format and sends to said browser said URL reproduced by said answerer.

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B1 2. The browser equipped telephone according to claim 1, wherein said inputter automatically fetches a URL of a web page being displayed and sends said URL to said transmitter.

3. The browser equipped telephone according to claim 1, further comprising a
5 URL encoder which converts into a tone signal format the URL of a character format inputted by said inputter, wherein said decoder converts into a character format the URL of a tone signal format received by said receiver.

4. The browser equipped telephone according to claim 1, further comprising a
10 URL function identifier which determines whether the telephone of the other party has a URL function.

5. The browser equipped telephone according to claim 4, wherein said URL function identifier transmits a URL function identification request at the time a call is placed, and transmits a URL function identification reply in response to a URL function identification request from the other party at the time a call is received.

15 6. The browser equipped telephone according to claim 4, wherein said URL function identifier transmits a URL function identification request to a calling party at the

time a call is received, and returns a URL function identification reply to a called party in response to a URL function identification request from the called party.

7. The browser equipped telephone according claim 1, wherein said transmitter adds delimiters before and after said URL, respectively, and transmits the URL together with a voice message.

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8. In a browser equipped telephone capable of displaying a web page by a browser, a method for recording a URL of a web page in an answering mode, comprising the steps of:

inputting a URL;

10 transmitting said URL in a form that can be distinguished from a voice message;

receiving a URL and associated voice message from the outside;

recording and reproducing the received URL and associated voice message; and

15 converting the reproduced URL into a character format and providing it to said browser.

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9. The method according to claim 8, wherein said URL inputting step automatically fetches a URL of a web page being displayed.
10. The method according to claim 8, further comprising the step of converting into a tone signal format the inputted URL of a character format, and said converting step converts a format of said received URL from a tone signal format into a character format.
11. The method according to claim 8, further comprising the step of determining whether the other party's telephone has a URL function.
12. The method according to claim 11, wherein said determining step transmits a URL function identification request at the time a call is placed, and returns a URL function identification reply in response to a URL function identification request from the other party at the time a call is received.
13. The method according to claim 11, wherein said determining step transmits a URL function identification request to a calling party at the time a call is received, and returns a URL function identification reply to a called party in response to a URL function identification request from the called party.

14. The method according to claim 8, wherein said transmitting step adds delimiters before and after said URL, respectively, and transmits the URL together with the voice message.

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5 15. A program storage device readable by machine for tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by said machine to perform, in a browser equipped telephone capable of displaying a web page by a browser, a method for recording a URL of a web page in an answering mode, said method comprising the steps of:

inputting a URL;

transmitting said URL in a form that can be distinguished from a voice
10 message;

receiving a URL and associated voice message from the outside;

recording and reproducing the received URL and associated voice
message; and

converting the reproduced URL into a character format and providing it to
15 said browser.